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Subject: South Coast comment for BRTF Supporting Proposal 2 for the Santa Barbara Region

Dear Members of the BRTF:

I recently spent an entire day driving to and from Long Beach to attend your recent meeting. I did this to show my support Proposal 2 for the Santa Barbara Region. I support this Work Group 2 map because it meets the established guidelines without imposing the draconian consequences that adding Naples Reef causes. Santa Barbara reefs offer important recreational opportunities for myself and my family and I urge the BRTF to adopt proposal 2 for the Santa Barbara Region. Contrary to what many people think, Santa Barbara is not populated exclusively by the wealthy; there are many students and working people who take advantage of the recreational (and foraging) opportunities that our local ocean provides in such a cost-effective manner. Taking away such a huge swath of productive area will have an immense impact on our ability to pursue our favorite activities in our favorite locations.

I also support Proposal 2 map for ***all regions*** since it provides for almost as much protection as other WGs at 1/2 to 1/4 of the socioeconomic cost to the recreational fishermen, commercial fishermen and fishing-dependent communities. Proposal 2 has broad cross-interest and presents a fully-integrated array, which resulted from a year of more of intense negotiations and real compromises and sacrifices among a wide variety of ocean users.

Thank you.

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